



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

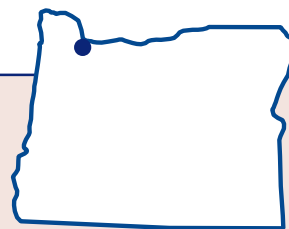
Multnomah County, Portland, OR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Multnomah County was selected to receive a cleanup grant. Oregon leads the nation in unemployment, and Portland has led the state in job loss. The county has targeted a site on Division Street in an old industrialized area of Portland. The poverty rate in the neighborhoods around the project area range up to 22 percent, and 17 percent of residents are minorities. Due to a critical shortage of housing for the elderly and disabled, redevelopment plans for the site include construction of housing for these residents. The Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood Association and surrounding neighbors will be involved throughout the cleanup and development of the new housing project.



Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Multnomah County for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to conduct cleanup activities at the Special Needs Housing for Physically Disabled site in Portland. The site is a former service station that operated from 1933 until the early 1990s and then was used for a small grocery. Although underground storage tanks and some petroleum-contaminated soil were removed a few ago, further cleanup is required since groundwater fluctuation apparently has spread the contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth> click on "Superfund", scroll down, and click on "Brownfields"

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Multnomah County has not received funding for brownfields grants. The City of Portland has received brownfields funding for assessment, revolving loan fund, and Showcase Community grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.